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TO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON HESS

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1. MISSIONS HAVE AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON TEXT OF
FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE ON HESS MEDICAL PROBLEM TO BE
PRESENTED TO SOVIETS IN MOSCOW:

BEGIN TEXT THE CHARGE OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY
IN BONN ADDRESSED A LETTER TO AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV OF THE
SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN AUGUST 11, 1973, IN WHICH,
SPEAKING ALSO IN THE NAME OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH
AMBASSADORS IN BONN, HE CALLED THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF
THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO A COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE HEALTH
OF THE PRISONER AT SPANDAU PRISON, RUDOLPH HESS, THAT
WAS MADE TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY AUGUST 8 BY THE BERLIN
MISSIONS OF THE THREE POWERS. THIS LETTER WAS
ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV IN VIEW OF THE
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QUADRIPARTITE RESPONSIBILITY WHICH OUR FOUR COUNTRIES

SHARE FOR PRISONERS PLACED IN OUR CHARGE BY THE
NERENBERG TRIBUNAL.

AS NO RESPONSE HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED TO THESE
EARLIER APPROACHES, THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, THE
UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES WHICH TO REPAT
THEIR REQUEST THAT EARLY AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION
BE GIVEN TO THE REQUEST OF THEIR BERLIN MISSIONS THAT
THE TESTS, CONSIDERED MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND URGENT BY
THE RESPONSIBLE DOCTORS, SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED TO THE
PRISONER ON AN OUT-PATIENT BASIS WITHOUT DELAY. THEY
WOULD NOTE THAT, SINCE NEARLY A MONTH HAS NOW PASSED
SINCE THE DOCTORS FIRST DETERMINED THAT THE TESTS WERE
REQUIRED, THE MEDICAL SITUATION HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY
URGENT, AND THEY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR AN EARLY REPLY.
END TEXT.

2. MISSIONS AGREED CAPITALS AND MOSCOW EMBASSIES WOULD
BE BEST PLACED TO DETERMINE AND COORDINATE TIMING AND
MODALITIES OF PRESENTATION. SINCE BRITISH HAVE
TRADITIONALLY DEMONSTRATED THEY FEEL THEY HAVE GREATEST
STAKE IN HESS MATTERS, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
FOR BRITISH EMBASSY TO MAKE PRESENTATION IN MOSCOW ON
BEHALF OF THREE EMBASSIES. IF BRITISH CONSIDER, HOWEVER,
THAT COORDINATED PARALLEL APPROACH WOULD BE MORE
PERSUASIVE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE BE PREPARED TO
ACCEDE TO THEIR WISHES. FRENCH MISSION HAS INDICATED
THAT IT WISHES TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THIS MATTER, ALTHOUGH IT
MIGHT PREFER TO SEE APPROACH BY U.S. EMBASSY ON
BEHALF OF THREE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN FORM OF APPROACH
TO AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV. THIS CONSIDERATION DOES NOT,
HOWEVER, SEEM TO US PERSUASIVE SINCE TRIPARTITE ROTATION
OF ALLIED KOMMANDATURA CHAIRMANSHIP DOES NOT NECESSARILY
APPLY OUTSIDE BERLIN. MOREOVER, IT ROTATES MONTHLY EVEN
IN BERLIN.

3. MISSIONS AGREED THAT EMBASSIES MIGHT WISH TO BE
PREPARED TO PASS SOVIET FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMATION COPIES
OF AUGUST 8 PROTOCOL OFFICER PAPER (BERLIN 1350, PARA 6)
AND CHARGE'S LETTER (BONN 11498, PARA 1).KLEIN
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